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For: A Multi-level Multi-variable Control  
Process Program Execution Scheme for  
Distributed Process Control Systems

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003 please consider the following remarks. Allowance of the presently pending claims 1-26 is respectfully requested.

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